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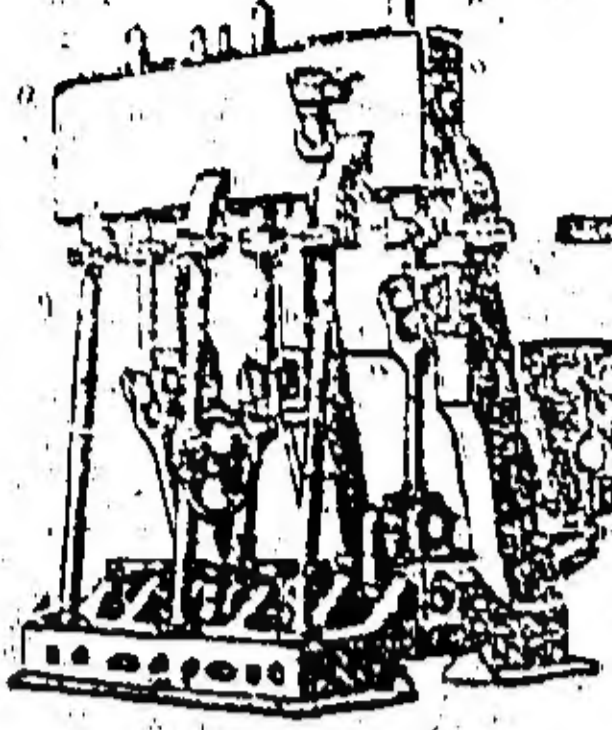
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## THE WAR.

### THE GREAT STRUGGLE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

#### VIOLENT GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACKS FAIL.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, May 6.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig  
reports:—

The enemy during the night by a  
sharp fight unsuccessfully endeavoured  
to re-establish himself eastward of  
Leverguier.

We successfully raided a front of one  
and a half miles northward of Gonnelleu.  
The enemy again determinedly  
attacked our positions on the Hindenburg  
line eastward of Bullecourt, but  
were entirely unsuccessful. Our artillery  
stopped a renewal of the attack this  
morning.

We captured a section of a trench  
southward of the Serchez River.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

5,800 PRISONERS TAKEN.

A French communique states:—  
To the north of Soissons the Germans  
delivered in the night time a large  
number of counter-attacks with large  
effectives against the positions we  
captured yesterday. The struggle was  
particularly violent in the region of  
Lafontaine, north of Froimont Farm,  
north of Bruyere-laucelle, and north-  
east of Croy.

Everywhere the enemy's efforts were  
crushed up and the assaulting waves  
beaten back by our fire or bayonets.

We entirely maintained our gains,  
which we are now organizing.

It is confirmed that the Germans  
suffered sanguinary losses both in yester-  
day's fighting and in the counter-  
attacks last night.

Generally, the operations carried out  
on the 4th and 5th inst. were in harmony  
with the British operations, and rendered  
us masters of the crest on which  
Chemins-des-Dames runs, over a front  
of thirty kilometres.

So far, 5,800 prisoners have been  
taken, including 150 officers, among  
whom were several battalion com-  
manders.

We have taken seven guns, some of  
them being heavy guns.

There have been violent artillery  
actions north-west of Rheims and in  
Champagne.

We carried a fortified point  
d'appui west of Mont Cornillet  
and repulsed two German attempts on  
our trenches in the region of Monthaut.

Our air squadrons dropped eight tons  
of bombs on military establishments,  
railway stations and bivouacs, and  
especially on factories at Hagondange,  
causing several fires. Four enemy  
aeroplanes were brought down.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, May 6.

A German official message, trans-  
mitted by wireless, reports:—  
We repulsed strong English advances  
to the southward of Lens, on the Scarpe  
and at Queant. A fruitless English  
attack on a three kilometre front be-  
tween Villersplouich and Gonnelleu  
suffered heavy losses.

The French artillery on the Aisne  
developed the greatest power yet re-  
corded, in the preparation for a renewed  
attack by the fresh divisions, yesterday  
morning, between Ailette and Craonne,  
on a front of thirty-five kilometres. A  
hand to hand struggle continued till late  
at night and the enemy was entirely  
repulsed. We occupy the northern  
slopes of Chemins-des-Dames. The  
French occupied Cheruy, Winterburg  
and a height where our positions were  
completely destroyed. We took several  
hundred prisoners.

French attacks to the east of  
Lanuville and south west of Nauroy  
were unsuccessful.

The enemy lost 14 aeroplanes.  
LATER.  
A German official message, trans-  
mitted by wireless, reports:—Contrary to  
yesterday's report, Cheruy remains in  
our possession.

#### GERMANY'S WAR AIMS.

ENTENTE MUST BE DEPRIVED OF  
TWO-THIRDS OF THEIR  
NATURAL RICHES.

Zurich, May 6.  
A pamphlet is being circulated  
among the German Army, with the  
approval of General von Ludendorff,  
which demands the annexation by  
the Central Powers of Belgium,  
Northern France, Courland, Poland,  
Serbia, Montenegro and Egypt, and  
also the formation of a Central  
Asian Empire in order to exploit the  
coal, India rubber, and iron  
resources.

It asserts that the Entente must  
be deprived of two-thirds of their  
natural riches.

The *Arbeitzeitung* denounces  
these criminal projects because  
they involve the ruin of Germany.

[General von Ludendorff is regarded as  
"the brains of the German Army"  
while Hindenburg is regarded as the  
"man of iron" to carry out the policy.]

AMSTERDAM, May 6.  
In the Reichstag, Dr. von Helfferich  
announced that Herr von Bethmann  
Hollweg is now prepared to reply to the  
Conservative and Socialist demands for  
a re-statement of the German war aims,  
and a day will be fixed later.

#### RUSSIAN OPERATIONS.

THE LATEST COMMUNIQUE.

LONDON, May 6.

A Russian communique states:  
On the Caucasus front, for strategic  
reasons, our troops in the Ognot and  
Mush regions, have taken up new po-  
sitions, and the Turks have occupied  
Mush.

On the western front our heavy  
artillery bombarded the station at  
Povvinsk to the east of Kovalev causing  
great explosions. Our aeroplanes  
bombed the station at Vilna.

On the Rumanian front, the enemy  
took the offensive to the west of  
Monastirka and Kachinul, but our  
heavy guns drove him back to his  
trenches.

#### TO ATTACK PETROGRAD.

ENEMY CONCENTRATING LARGE  
FORCES.

PETROGRAD, May 6.

General Korniloff, Commander of the  
troops in Petrograd, announces that  
he has received reports that the enemy  
is concentrating large forces on the  
Russian northern front. German mer-  
chantmen at Liliant are ready, as soon as  
the ice has melted, to embark troops,  
and, under cover of the German fleet,  
carry out a landing close to Petrograd.

General Korniloff accordingly orders  
a reorganisation of the Reserves in  
Petrograd in order to defend the capital  
against a foreign enemy and consolidate  
the freedom won by Russia.

#### ANGLO-FRENCH CONFERENCES.

PARIS, May 6.

As a result of conferences of  
representatives of the British and  
French Governments, which were  
attended by Mr. Lloyd George, all the  
French Ministers, General Nivelle,  
General Petain and Admiral Labon, it  
is announced that complete agreement  
was reached.

The two Governments of Italy and  
Russia were represented at the Con-  
ferences by their Ambassadors.

#### HOLLAND'S FOREIGN TRADE.

THE HAGUE, May 6.

The Government has submitted a  
Bill enabling the State to regulate  
exports and imports in case of war  
or danger of war.

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The TRIPPER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd May to the 22nd May both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, April 26, 1917. 1730

## HONGKONG CLUB.

## NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House on MONDAY, the 14th May, 1917, at 8.15 P.M.

BUSINESS.—As set forth in the notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order,  
E. DES VOEUX,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 4, 1917. 1730

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTEENTH YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building at 11 A.M. on FRIDAY the 18th MAY, 1917 to receive a Statement of Accounts for the 31st December 1916 and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 5th May to the 15th May both days inclusive.

By Order,  
W. G. DUBBY,  
General Manager.

Kowloon, May 3, 1917. 1738

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Interest on the loan runs from the 30th March, 1917—interest from that date to be added to the price of issue.

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How is it done? The secret of it all is the fact that everybody knows just what he has to do. From the Quartermaster-General to the company cook, every man has his particular duty.

Nothing is left to chance. Tommy is fighting away up in the trenches, and it is someone else's job to see that Tommy has plenty of good food to keep up his strength; and some one else means to do it.

Behind the firing line there is a network of railways, stretching from the base nearly to the front; the ordinary lines have been supplemented by metre, two foot and 30 centimetre tracks, with their tiny, but powerful little engines buzzing back and forth, forwarding and fusing about by day and by night. From the base the food for the troops goes up by goods train to what is called "rail head" (i.e. terminus) where is frequently situated the divisional "dump," or point at which are accumulated the supplies necessary for a division of troops. Here the Quartermaster of each battalion draws what he requires for his unit, and carries it away in the battalion transport wagons to the spot he has selected for his permanent stores; this will be as near the front line as circumstances permit—probably a matter of a couple of miles distance.

Of course, the manner in which the rations are new handled depends entirely on local conditions; it is impossible to lay down an inflexible rule; but the general system may be indicated.

The rations—we are only dealing with the food supply at present, ammunition, engineers' stores, etc., are dealt with a little differently—are now divided into five portions: one for each of the four companies and one for the headquarters staff, which includes signallers, orderlies, etc. A company quartermaster sergeant with a few men from each company takes charge of the food allotted to the company concerned. The rations, subdivided into portions for each platoon, are packed in tin tins, if "dry" or placed in large "dixies" (pots), if "wet," such as stew (previously prepared by the company cooks), and have then to be carried to the firing line. In pitchy darkness and well over their ankles in thick, slimy mud, the carriers have no easy or pleasant task. Nor is it without danger, for a casual shell may descend upon them at any moment, while an exposed place is certain to have one of the enemy's machine-guns trained on it and brought into action at intervals on the chance of catching a carrying party. But courage and endurance are the great characteristics of the British soldier, and it is rare indeed for the men in the front line to find their "grub" long delayed.

Sometimes the condition of the roads will admit of the rations being taken up to the vicinity of battalion headquarters in limbers, after dark, the wheels being carefully muffled to prevent noise. At other points, ponies or miniature railways can be used. But the last stage to the firing trench has to be covered on foot, and that it is both fatiguing and dangerous work can be readily imagined.

Of course, while on attack is actually in progress, the normal arrangements must be thrust on one side, but apart from this the whole system of supply is so wonderfully organised and administered as to seem positively miraculous.

## THERE ARE STORIES OF HEROISM IN THE NEWSPAPERS.

of men who have handled bomb and bayonet gallantly against terrible odds. But there is another kind of heroism, of which little is heard—that of the man who sets out to carry to his comrades the food without which they cannot live. There is no wild fury of attack, no glamour, no romance about him as he trudges off in the darkness of a cold, wet winter's night; the communication trenches are rivers of chafing, oozy mud, and their narrowness makes it difficult to pass the stretchers, parcels and other coming from the front; at any moment a casual shell may be the last they will ever see, or an unavoidably exposed place may mean death from a machine gun trained on the spot during daylight, and brought into action at intervals throughout the night on the chance of "getting" a ration party or relief. But the greater the danger and the worse the hardships, the more does Tommy rise to the occasion, and his quiet, resolute spirit carries him on, with a grin and a joke, till the task before him, whatever it may be, is finished—or he himself has gone under.

## RICH COALOWNER'S DEATH.

## ROMANTIC CAREER OF SIR CHAS. HOLCROFT.

Sir Charles Holcroft, Bart., a Staffordshire iron and coal magnate, died at his residence, The Shrubbery, Kingswinford, recently.

Beginning life in circumstances none too promising, Sir Charles carved his way to a position of great affluence and respect, and was able to give during his lifetime a total of £100,000 to Birmingham University.

Born in 1831, at Bilston, he was one of a family of four sons and three daughters—Charles being the youngest and James the eldest of the family. The two brothers were closely associated throughout their business and private lives. Neither married, and both had very successful careers. Charles often admitted that the exertions and influence of James laid the foundations of his own prosperity. Starting as a junior in the drawing office of the Horsley Engineering Company, Tipton, in 1848, Charles ultimately became a director, and continued in office until quite recently.

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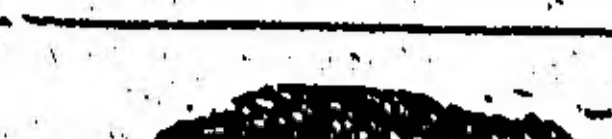
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## THE WAR.

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### SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE GREAT BATTLE.

### THE HINDENBURG LINE.

### FURTHER PROGRESS BY BRITISH.

LONDON, May 4.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We took prisoner on Thursday up wards of 900 of the enemy, including 28 officers.

We strengthened to-day a position captured in a sector of the Hindenburg line and made progress eastwards along the enemy's trench, killing many.

There was severe air fighting on Thursday, when three enemy machines were brought down and five driven down out of control. Two machines were also shot down by gun fire, while another was forced down behind our lines. Two of ours are missing.

### CRANNE FALLS TO THE FRENCH.

LONDON, May 5.  
A French communiqué reports:—

A brilliantly conducted operation made us masters of the village of Cranne and several strong points east and north thereof. One hundred and fifty prisoners have been counted so far.

After lively artillery preparation in the region north-west of Rheims, we launched an attack, carrying the first German lines in a front of four kilometres and taking 600 prisoners.

The artillery duel has been furious in Champagne throughout the day south and south-west of Meusevalles.

### ALLIED AVIATORS BUSY.

LONDON, May 5.  
A Belgian communiqué states that allied aviators bombarded the German aviation centre at Thistlethorpe.

Belgian aviators dropped 1,500 kilograms of projectiles during the night.

### GERMAN REPORTS.

LONDON, May 4.  
A German official message, transmitted by wireless, states:

British attacks on both sides of Bullecourt and strong French attacks between Berry-au-Bac and Brimont were repulsed.

A fresh English attempt to break through between Achille and Queant with the 16th and 17th divisions failed. Repeated attacks from dawn until night broke down and the enemy only succeeded in entering 'Freney'. Small portions of the trenches near Bullecourt remained in the enemy's hands. We inflicted heavy losses and took prisoner over a thousand.

The enemy had assembled strong cavalry south-eastward of Arras.

The battle continues, the artillery being most intense between the Aisne and Brimont.

Several French attacks broke down near Bray and Winterberg. The enemy lost ten aeroplanes.

### A RUSSIAN ATTACK.

LONDON, May 4.  
A German official announcement says:—

The Russians unsuccessfully attacked northwards of Suzia Valley.

### MORE MEN NEEDED FOR THE ARMY.

LONDON, May 1.  
Under a new scheme, shortly to be issued, for the release of more men for the Army, only men skilled in essential work will be regarded as indispensable. One of the trades directly affected is the textile trade.

Hitherto 1,000 cotton spinners and weavers have been exempted because their occupations are 'certified,' but it is understood that the new list protects only certain classes of men directly engaged in the manufacture of naval and military necessities.

### INDIAN OFFICERS DECORATED.

LONDON, May 5.  
The "Gazette" announces the following decorations for officers of the Indian Army:—

Legion of Honour Croix d'Officier.—Breret Lt.-Col. James Whitehead. Legion of Honour Croix de Chevalier.—Lt.-Col. William Fetherstonhaugh. Major Hugo Meynell. Captains Vivian Green Armytage and Donald Robertson.

Croix de Guerre.—Lance Raffles Asghar Ali Naik Bombardier Gurung and Sepoy Ramasagar. Medal of Military.—Conductor A. J. Cameron. Medal of Military.—Havildar Maugli Singh.

### APPRECIATION OF INDIA'S HELP.

LONDON, May 4.  
The resolutions of the Imperial War Conference concerning the representation of India on future Imperial Conferences, and the position of Indians in self-governing

provinces, were marked by generous expressions of appreciation, on all sides, of the assistance given by India in the prosecution of the war.

These observations of the Dominions Representatives and the sympathetic treatment of the subject gave the keenest satisfaction to the representatives from India.

### AMERICA AND THE WAR.

CHICAGO, May 4.  
The French Mission has arrived.

### FRENCH MISSION AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, May 4.  
The British Mission has begun a series of public conferences with American officials. Admiral De Chair has conferred with the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives and Mr. Balfour with the Council of National Defence.

### NO NEWSPAPER CENSORSHIP.

WASHINGTON, May 4.  
A clause in the Espionage Bill imposing censorship on newspapers has been rejected by the House of Representatives.

GERMAN & AUSTRIAN DIPLOMATS AND CONSULS DEPART.

NEW YORK, May 4.  
The Austrian Minister, Count Tarnowski, has sailed on board the *Syndam* accompanied by 200 Consuls and Diplomats of the Central Powers assembled from the United States, Cuba and China.

AMERICAN CREW DIE OF EXPOSURE.

LONDON, May 4.  
Eighteen of the crew of the torpedoed American steamer *Vacuum* died from exposure in the boats.

BRITISH DESTROYER MINED.

LONDON, May 4.  
The Admiralty announces that an old-type destroyer was mined and sank in the Channel on Wednesday.

An officer and 61 of the crew are missing.

THE TRIUMPH'S CLAIM FOR PRIZE MONEY.

LONDON, April 30.  
The Prize Court has dismissed the claim of the Commanders of the *Triumph* and the *Uk*, referred to on April 24.

The Court holds that there is insufficient evidence as to how the enemy vessels were sunk.

(These claims had reference to operations at Tsingtau.)

ACTING LIEUT. PRINCE ALBERT.

LONDON, May 1.  
Acting Lieut. H.R.H. Prince Albert has been appointed to H.M.S. *Malaya*.

(\* Delayed in transmission.)

CHILIAN RUPTURE DENIED.

AMSTERDAM, May 4.  
A Berlin telegram denies the report of a German-Chilian rupture.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, May 3.  
Messrs. Samuel Montague and Co. silver report states that the market is narrow and sensitive, moderate transactions having a totally disproportionate effect.

New York is selling very little, as the American mint is buying for its own requirements at the rate of 400,000 ounces a week.

HONOUR FOR SIR THOMAS CARMICHAEL.

LONDON, May 1.  
The King has invested Sir Thomas Carmichael, Lieut.-Governor of Bengal, with the Order of Grand Commander of the Star of India.

(\* Delayed in transmission.)

FRENCH SHIPPING REPORT.

LONDON, May 4.  
The French Admiralty's shipping report for the week ending April 29 states that 980 vessels above 100 tons arrived and 365 left. One vessel over 1,000 tons, and five under 1,000 tons, were sunk, and three fishing boats were sunk.

### COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

The twenty-eighth ordinary yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., was held at the office of the Company, St. George's Building, on Saturday, Mr. A. D. Lang (Chairman) presided, and there were also present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton and Mr. S. H. Dodwell (Directors), Mr. F. Graham (Manager), Messrs. R. H. B. Hancock, D. V. Stevenson, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung-shui, A. E. M. da Silva, J. F. Grosse, Ho Kwong, S. K. Ho, Leung Yau Po, To Tsching, Leung Wing-sang, L. E. Ozorio and O. Baptista (Shareholders).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I report and accounts have been in your hands for some days and I trust you will take them, together with the auditor's certificate, as read. It is very gratifying to your Directors to be able to present to you a satisfactory statement of accounts, notwithstanding the reduction in charge for current and the increased cost of fuel and oil.

The net profits amount to \$500,000.00, to which has to be added \$110,538.92, balance brought forward from last account, making a total of \$610,538.92 available for appropriation, and this your Directors recommend be disposed of as follows:

To pay a Dividend of 22 1/2 per cent, say \$22.50 per share on 60,000 shares, \$1,350,000.00

To pay a Bonus of 75 cents per share, 45,000.00

To Place to Reserve, 100,000.00

To Write Off Plant Account for Depreciation, 175,000.00

To Write Off New Property Account for Depreciation, 40,000.00

To Write Off Furniture Account for Depreciation, 302.10

To Pay a Bonus to Staff, 11,357.15

To Carry Forward to next Account, 113,750.11

\$620,400.36

With the bonus, the return to shareholders is 7 1/2 per cent. in excess of what was paid last year.

The addition of \$100,000 to Reserve, bringing it up to \$400,000 will no doubt contribute itself to all shareholders, especially in times like the present.

Writing off plant account is the same as last year, and this is necessary on account of the additions which have been made during the period now under review. My predecessor in the chair pointed out at the last annual meeting that the sound position of the Company is in a large measure due to liberal writing down of plant, a policy which shareholders have always endorsed in the past, and one which I hope will be continued.

You will observe that \$40,000 is appropriated for writing off new property account for depreciation. Owing to the war, a portion of the work at North Point has cost somewhat in excess of what was originally estimated, and that accounts for a large proportion of the amount written off new property account.

No provision has been made on this occasion for writing anything off old property account, and your Directors are satisfied that this is not necessary, as it has been written down very liberally in the past, and as things are at present, stands in the Company's books at what would appear to be a very fair figure.

The bonus to staff has on this occasion been advanced to 15 per cent, and I am sure shareholders will not grudge this in view of the fact that there has been a great deal more overtime than usual during the past year.

I also hope, gentlemen, that you will approve of the contribution of \$5,000 to Hongkong War Charities, and of the assistance in the shape of light and labour, which has been given to a number of local enterprises in aid of War Funds.

During the year, there was a large increase in the demand for current, so much so that it was found necessary to refuse applications for new lighting connections as from last January last, and the drastic step in question was only taken in order that it may be possible to give present consumers a continuous supply during the coming summer months. Every endeavour has been made to procure locally such plant as would enable the Company to continue accepting new business, but all that was available were two small steam sets, with which addition it is hoped we shall be able to carry on until the new station is ready.

As you are aware, but for the outbreak of war, the new station at North Point would have been running ere this, and when I inform you that a considerable portion of the new plant on order in England had actually been completed only to be commandeered by the Ministry of Munitions, you will I am sure readily understand the position in which the Company now finds itself. During the time he was at Home, Mr. Bonner, in conjunction with Mr. Wickham and Messrs. Fraser, Crawford, Snell and Bider, made repeated applications to the Ministry referred to in respect of our requirements.

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ments, but without obtaining any definite promises. Everyone realises, of course, that the needs of the Empire must of a necessity take precedence over everything else, and I am informed, on all occasions been cheerfully and energetically carried out.

Shareholders, I know, will be very pleased to see the contribution to War Charities of \$5,000. It is, after all a small sacrifice, gentlemen, compared with the greatest of all sacrifices made by many others, and any contribution given to alleviate in some small way the sufferings of the splendid fellows who are to-day keeping the flag, under which this Company has prospered, flying, can only meet with the unqualified approval of all. It is, unfortunately, that the delivery of the new plant has been so long delayed, a delay which has been fully explained by the Chairman, and we can only hope with him that before another year has gone the terrible conflict now raging will have ended in a glorious victory of right over might, and we shall all be able to take up our peaceful avocations once more. With these words, I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. R. H. B. HANCOCK in seconding the motion said:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I am sure we have all listened with very much interest to what the Chairman has just said, and it is a great pleasure to me to second the adoption of the very excellent report and statement of accounts now before us. I understand that 1016 constitutes a record for the Company, and I think I am only voicing the opinion of all shareholders when I say that the splendid results obtained reflect great credit on the agents and on all those connected with the working of the Company. The various allocations of the profits will, I am certain, meet with the approval of all. The building up of the Reserve Fund by an addition of \$100,000 and the liberal writing off, are signs that the very sound policy adopted in the past, which policy is responsible in no small degree for the highly satisfactory position on the Company is to-day, will be continued in the future. The dividend bonus to the staff is fully justified, and will

be endorsed by all shareholders. As the Chairman has pointed out, the staff has had a great deal more overtime, and the extra work has, I am informed, on all occasions been cheerfully and energetically carried out. Shareholders, I know, will be very pleased to see the contribution to War Charities of \$5,000. It is, after all a small sacrifice, gentlemen, compared with the greatest of all sacrifices made by many others, and any contribution given to alleviate in some small way the sufferings of the splendid fellows who are to-day keeping the flag, under which this Company has prospered, flying, can only meet with the unqualified approval of all. It is, unfortunately, that the delivery of the new plant has been so long delayed, a delay which has been fully explained by the Chairman, and we can only hope with him that before another year has gone the terrible conflict now raging will have ended in a glorious victory of right over might, and we shall all be able to take up our peaceful avocations once more. With these words, I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. A. H. M. DA SILVA proposed, and Mr. J. F. GROSSE seconded, that the appointment of the Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton to the Board of Directors be confirmed, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Ho Fook proposed, and Mr. LEUNG YAU PO seconded, the re-election of Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. S. H. Dodwell to the Board of Directors, and the motion was carried.

Mr. L. E. OZORIO proposed, and Mr. O. BAPTISTA seconded, that Mr. Desmond Brown be re-elected as Auditor for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$400, and the motion was carried.

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## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

## PRO-ALLY DEMONSTRATIONS IN PETROGRAD.

## SPEECH BY BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

PETROGRAD, May 6.

There were great pro-ally demonstrations last night outside the British, French and Italian Embassies. Sir George and Lady Buchanan appeared on the balcony at the British Embassy, and the Ambassador in a speech said it was clear to all fighting for the sake of Europe. She only entered the war when Belgium had been over-run and the rights of other nations had been trampled upon. It was impossible that the British democracy, the oldest in the world, could be suspected of opposing the freedom of the people. The only subject of Great Britain in the war was the solemn vindication of right and justice.

Sir George Buchanan called upon the Russians to support the Government which was a sincere defender of the people.

## ANOTHER COLLISION BETWEEN SOLDIERS AND WORKMEN.

PETROGRAD, May 5.

There was another collision on Friday evening between the soldiers and the Leninist workmen. Three thousand of the latter marching in a procession were headed by 800, armed with rifles, revolvers and "world" and carrying banners inscribed "Down with the Government," "Down with War!" A group of soldiers intervened and some of the Leninists fired on them.

The Executive of the Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates, in consequence of the disorders forbade meetings and demonstration, and placed a proclamation appealing to the population to be calm and to observe discipline, and also urging the soldiers not to carry arms.

The Executive telephoned to the garrison at Cronstadt, Tsarskoye, Peterhof and other garrisons in the neighbourhood of the Capital, not to send troops to Petrograd without a written request.

## RUSSIA'S "LIBERTY LOAN"

## A SPLENDID RESPONSE IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, May 6.

The response to the "Liberty Loan" is becoming a deluge of gold. Subscriptions are pouring in at such a rate that the telegraphs threaten to become blocked. The Treasury is receiving applications at the rate of \$20,000,000 an hour.

PETROGRAD, May 6.

At a general assembly the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates it was overwhelmingly decided to assist in the raising of the Liberty Loan.

## ALTERING THE GERMAN CONSTITUTION.

## NOTABLE DECISIONS BY REICHTAG COMMITTEE.

A Berlin message states that the Constitution Committee of the Reichstag has adopted the proposal of the Centre National Liberals and Progressives to alter the Constitution by declaring decrees of the Kaiser invalid unless counter-signed by the Chancellor who is thus responsible.

## THE NEW GREEK MINISTRY.

ATHENS, May 6.

Five members of the new Ministry were in the former Zaimis Cabinet. Mr. Demitzi, the Minister of Marine, held the same post in the Venizelos Cabinet.

## THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS.

MELBOURNE, May 6.

In the House of Representatives the Nationalists will probably secure four gains and Labour six gains. In the Senate, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania will probably be Nationalist, while Queensland will probably be Labour. New South Wales is doubtful. The Government is assured of a good majority in the House of Representatives, but the Senate is doubtful where thirteen votes are required to obtain a majority.

## MR BALFOUR IN THE UNITED STATES.

## SPEECH IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, May 6.

Mr. Balfour and the members of the Mission, visited the House of Representatives. While they were welcomed on the floor of the House, President Wilson sat in the Gallery. This is the first time the President of the United States has sat in the Gallery of the House.

Mr. Balfour, whose speech was greeted with the most enthusiastic cheering, was apparently not aware that President Wilson was one of his most interested listeners, but at the conclusion of the speech, President Wilson descended to the floor of the House, where the Members were beginning to pass in turn to shake hands with the British representatives. Mr. Balfour's appearance on the floor was greeted with shouts of cheer, and he took his place in the line, and after shaking hands, chatted for some time with Mr. Balfour. The Justices of the Supreme Court were also in the line. The Entente's diplomatic representatives occupied the Diplomatic Gallery.

Mr. Balfour, in the course of his speech, said that the British House of Commons and the American House of Representatives were the greatest and oldest of free assemblies now governing the great nations of the world. Each represented a great democratic principle to which we looked as the security for the world's future peace. "This is one of the great moments in the world's history and what is now happening on both sides of the Atlantic represents the drawing together of great and free peoples for their mutual protection against aggression and military despotism. All free assemblies have made blunders; and sometimes they have committed crimes, but only military despotism of the German type could, through generations, pursue steadily, remorselessly, unscrupulously and appallingly the subject of dominating civilisation. And this evil has increased instead of diminished with the growth of knowledge and progress of material civilisation. It is against this danger that we free peoples of western civilisation have bound ourselves together. It is in that great cause that we are fighting side by side. In that cause we shall surely conquer and our children will look back on this fateful date as one from which democracies can feel secure in their progress and civilisation. Rivalry, if need be, will be conducted, not by German lies but in a free and friendly spirit really benefiting the age in which we live."

Mr. Balfour concluded by thanking the House for its cordial welcome and repeating his profound sense of the significance of this unique meeting.

## PEAS &amp; BEANS COMMANDEERED. HEAVY REDUCTION IN PRICE.

LONDON, May 6.

Lord Devonport has commandeered from the original consignees all the Burnham peas and beans to arrive at Great Britain, at £37 per ton, for hand-picked white beans, and at corresponding prices for other varieties. All sale contracts by consignees and persons claiming under them, have been cancelled, and sellers and buyers are released from all liability regarding brokerage. The transaction extends to between 50,000 and 60,000 tons. The market price heretofore was in the region of £80 per ton. The retail price of beans has been fixed at a maximum of 6d. a pound as compared with a shilling a pound up to the present time.

## BELFAST'S WAR RECORD.

At the opening of Belfast Assizes, recently the Lord Chief Justice said that, tried by any test or standard, no portion of the King's dominions had more nobly or more generally responded to the call of duty than the citizens of Belfast. Out of seventy thousand men of military age forty thousand had joined the colours while the majority of the remainder were engaged on war work. The citizens had voluntarily contributed about a quarter of a million pounds toward the relief of wounded soldiers.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE GREAT BATTLE.

## BRILLIANT FRENCH SUCCESSES.

3,300 PRISONERS.

LONDON, May 5.

A Paris communiqué states:—Our operations continued to develop in conjunction with the British. We were brilliantly successful north-east of Soissons and Chemin-des-Dames, despite the desperation of the Germans, who with the utmost recklessness employed great contingents.

We attacked the salient on the Hindenburg line south-east of Vaux-Aillon and carried the German positions on a front of six kilometres. The enemy had exceptional losses in their manifold counter-attacks which were shattered by our artillery and machine-gun fire. German columns marching in the direction of Chemin-des-Dames and Chamaille were caught and scattered by our heavy batteries.

We captured the whole of the plateau in the region of Chemin-des-Dames from the east of Cerny-Lacmoult to the east of Craonne, despite counter-attacks, and we reached the rocky ridges dominating the valley of Arlette and the forest of Vaucelles.

Up to the present over 4,300 prisoners have been counted, in addition to the thousand captured yesterday.

## VIOLENT GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACKS.

## FRENCH HOLD GROUND WON.

PARIS, May 5.

A French communiqué states:—The Germans violently counter-attacked yesterday. Our machine-gun and artillery fire inflicted very heavy losses upon the assailants, who were unable to reach our lines at any point. The total prisoners captured here were 25 (5) men and nine officers, including a battalion commander.

We also repulsed a strong attack south-east of Berry-au-Bac, where the enemy attempted to carry our positions east of Hill 108. The enemy north-west of Rheims attempted to make violent infantry reactions after our attack yesterday. The struggle was particularly stubborn. Our troops several times repulsed counter-attacks carried out with large effectives.

During the evening important German reserves were thrown into the battle, but our heavy field batteries smashed up the assault, which cost the enemy heavy losses.

We identified two fresh divisions on this part of the front, where we have captured 700 prisoners since yesterday.

In Champagne, after an intense artillery struggle, a violent fight began towards the evening in the region of Mont Cornillet. We advanced east of this place, and on the Northern slopes of Mont Blond. Here the enemy attacked with two fresh divisions, which our fire repulsed. We captured 100 men and six officers, making our total capture of prisoners yesterday over a thousand.

## BRITISH FRONT QUIET.

LONDON, May 5.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says:—There is nothing to report. Five German aeroplanes yesterday were brought down and four were driven down by gunfire, and two of our machines are missing.

## THE SCARPE BATTLE.

## DESPERATE AND COMPLICATED.

LONDON, May 5.

The desperation of the Scarpe fighting is evidenced by the Windmill, north of Gavrelle, which has changed hands eight times in two days, and is at present in the possession of the British.

There were nine counter-attacks at Bullecourt, and all were repulsed. The enemy's position at the chemical works at Roux is described as one of the most complicated machine-gun defences ever known, while the conformation of the ground at Roux enables the Germans to bring up reinforcements continuously. The ground at Roux and Gavrelle is so churned up by explosives that the infantry moves with the greatest difficulty, craters and trenches at many points no longer existing. The fighting is in the open, but the troops on both sides are finding it difficult to shake off the trench habits, often preferring bombs to rifles. Despite the wonderful targets of the manoeuvring masses, one officer at one point found two companies of British and Germans bombing in a wood, though the range was excessive. He collected half-a-dozen rifle marksmen who soon settled the Germans.

## BRITISH GAINS RETAINED.

LONDON, May 5.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We carried out a successful raid eastward of Le Yergier, taking prisoners. We made progress northward of Havincourt Wood and in the neighbourhood of Fresnoy.

The enemy's three times counter-attacks at night-time our new positions on the Hindenburg Line. Our artillery broke up the first attack and our infantry, after sharp fighting, drove off the others.

We repulsed raids in the neighbourhood of Meudon.

## GERMAN CONTEMPT OF LOSSES.

## UNPARALLELED SLAUGHTER.

LONDON, May 5.

While the Germans are throwing men with the most reckless contempt for losses, into the furnace in the Scarpe Valley, whose importance Reuter's Correspondent explained on the 25th of April, the French success at Craonne is bound to force the enemy to further encroach upon his reserves for the captures assure the French of the definite possession of the long rocky-crest dominating the Aisne valley and makes another breach in the German defences at Laon.

The most remarkable feature of the fighting on the British front is the enormous forces of men used by the Germans compared with the British, who are employing a tremendous weight of artillery and economising their manpower. The Germans lately have vastly increased their guns, especially the long-range five to thirteen-inch naval guns, but their ruthless driving of men to slaughter is unparalleled. One correspondent says that the airmen, flying at great heights, can see German bodies as a feature of the landscape.

## INTENSE FIGHTING AT BULLECOURT.

LONDON, May 5.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters reports:—The centre of the most intense fighting continues to be the neighbourhood of Bullecourt, where the battle is continuous, surging in and around the ruined village and south-east of the village. We appear not only to have maintained our positions in the Hindenburg switch, but at night-time our bombers worked their way along an appreciable stretch of both the front and support trenches of this system in the direction of Quant. It is doubtless owing to the great tactical significance of our gains here that the Germans are delivering such violent counter-attacks, in which they are suffering prodigious losses.

## GERMAN REPORTS.

LONDON, May 5.

A German official report transmitted by wireless states:—

An English attack on both sides of Bullecourt was repulsed. We have increased our English prisoners to 1,235. The excessive artillery firing on the Aisne front continues. The fighting for the possession of Wintzberg has not concluded. Attacks by four French divisions between the Aisne and Brimont broke down. The French temporarily penetrated our lines eastward of Neuville, but were driven out. We captured five hundred prisoners. Several French divisions unsuccessfully attempted to take the heights northward of Proennes. The enemy on Friday lost seven aeroplanes.

The German official report issued this evening states that a new battle is in progress on the heights north of the Aisne.

## THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

## STREET DISTURBANCES.

## FATAL COLLISION.

PETROGRAD, May 5.

Yesterday morning the streets were again filled with excited crowds discussing the situation. The majority denounced the pacifist agitation.

Suddenly a large band of the so-called Leninists, who are pacifists and against the Government, appeared marching up the Nevsky Prospekt. A collision occurred at the cross roads, the participants of the Government, including many soldiers, endeavouring to seize the Leninist flags. Some of the Leninists fired rifles, several of the Government partisans being killed and wounded, but the Leninists were finally dispersed. The streets were picketed, the crowds cheering the Government.

## PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT UPHOLD.

## A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

PETROGRAD, May 5.

The Executive of the Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates by a majority 34 to 19 accepted as satisfactory the explanation by the Provisional Government of M. Mifukoff's note cabled yesterday.

The Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates, consisting of 2,500 members, passed a vote of confidence in the Provisional Government by a majority of thirty-five. The Duma meets to-day for the first time since the Revolution.

## GENERAL ALEXIEFF.

## BACK TO THE FRONT.

PETROGRAD, May 5.

General Alexieff, the Commander-in-Chief, after a visit of several days, has returned to the front.

## HAITI WANTS WAR.

PORT AU PRINCE, May 5.

The President has sent a message to Parliament demanding war against Germany.

## FOOD SHORTAGE IN GREECE.

ATHENS, May 5.

The bread famine is acute, owing to the German submarines sinking food ships.

## THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY.

## PRESS CRITICISMS.

LONDON, May 7.

The Admiralty reorganisation is made a topic in the Press. The Times says Admiral Jellicoe's position in the future should correspond with General Robertson's at the War Office; he should be the Chief, with an enlarged and reconstituted War Staff, including younger Fleet officers.

The Daily Mail demands a restriction of the powers of the civilian element at the Admiralty, otherwise the work of the new War Staff will be obstructed. The Daily Chronicle urges the closer co-ordination of the Admiralty with the Shipping Controller.

The Daily Telegraph and the Morning Post denounce the agitators who are exploiting the public anxiety regarding submarine to incite distrust of the Admiralty, which enjoys the full confidence of the Navy.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in a letter to the Times, compares the "paralysis of the Naval offensive due to the senseless outcry at the loss of a few obsolete ships" with "the continuous aggressive action maintained during my regime at the Admiralty."

## SERIOUS RIOTS IN GERMANY.

AMSTERDAM, May 5.

Persons returning from Germany report that recently there were serious riots at several places. Sixteen hundred people at Mainz pillaged the shops and smashed the windows. Troops fired on the crowd, killing five and arresting 500. The bomb factory workers at Mannheim struck work for several days until they were assured that the bread ration would be increased.

## FOOD SITUATION SERIOUS IN BAVARIA.

ZURICH, May 5.

Speaking at Munich, the Bavarian Minister, Dr. Breitich, admitted that the food situation is very serious. "The people must be prepared to live more on vegetables. The next few weeks will decide the fate of Germany."

## DEMANDS OF GERMAN SOCIALISTS.

AMSTERDAM, May 5.

The Constitution Committee of the Reichstag at their first meeting considered the proposal of the Centre, National Liberals and Progressives demanding that the Chancellor be made responsible to the Reichstag for the violation of his duties; providing the Reichstag with the control of the Army and Navy; and demanding the Reichstag to sit permanently during the war; and the proposal of the Socialists demanding universal suffrage.

## PATRIOTISM IN THE COLONIES.

## INTERESTING SPEECH BY THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

LONDON, May 5.

Princess Alexander of Teck at the Colonial Office to-day presented Union Jacks and Shields, the gifts of the women and children of Great Britain, to each of the following regiments:—British West Indies Regiment, the King's African Rifles, West African Frontier Force, St. Helena Volunteers, and the Somali-Land Camel Corps.

The Rt. Hon. Walter Long, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said insufficient recognition "was sometimes given to the men fighting in the remotest parts under conditions, climatic and otherwise, making their campaigns in many respects more arduous and more terrible than in the battle-grounds closer to home. All thanks were due for the gallant part they played."

Proceeding, Mr. Walter Long said: We must also think of those men in the overseas possessions who were not allowed to participate in the fighting. They cannot be allowed to go because they are needed by the Government of the Colony in which they live. They have begged and implored to be allowed to go; indeed in some cases disciplinary measures have had to be taken regarding the men who defied the authority of the Colonial Office in preferring one kind of national work to another. Of those men who are serving their country in many different capacities, I am confident you feel, as the Colonial Office feels, that it may be said with equal truth they are doing their duty equally with those who are in the fighting line.

He concluded by again emphasising that we are fighting for freedom and everything that makes life worth living. The Flags and Shields were received by Mr. Walter Long, on behalf of the respective regiments.

## AMERICAN ESPIONAGE BILL.

## THE PRESS CENSORSHIP CLAUSE.

WASHINGTON, May 5.

The House of Representatives finally passed the Espionage Bill by 260 votes to 105.

This Bill included a modified censorship clause to the effect that the President may prohibit publication whenever the situation demands, but before the penalties become effective it will be necessary to show that publication is prohibited, and that the information would have been of value to the enemy.

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## AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS.

## MR. HUGHES RETURNED.

MELBOURNE, May 5.

The earliest returns for the Federal Elections indicate that the Nationalists are winning several seats in the House of Representatives.

Mr. W. M. Hughes has won his seat at Bendigo.

## BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 5.

Senor Milopecanha has been appointed Foreign Minister.

## THE PRICE OF SILVER.

LONDON, May 5.

Silver is quoted at 38, quiet.

## OBITUARY.

LONDON, May 5.

The Times announces the death from wounds of the Hon. Frederic Thesiger, heir to Lord Chelmsford.

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## CAREERS FOR DAUGHTERS.

## MR. FISHER'S TASK FOR UNIVERSITY WOMEN.

There must be a large increase of women teachers after the war, said Mr. Fisher, Minister for Education, to a gathering of women students at Oxford.

He had been struck by the keen interest taken in higher education by working women. When he left Sheffield a working woman who had been a domestic servant sent him a beautifully written letter discussing, with the most finished discrimination, lectures which he had arranged in connection with the University.

After the war, parents of all classes would be more alive to the necessity of finding careers for their daughters, and a sufficient supply of educated, disciplined women would be required to train them.

The future prospects and economic position of women seemed to him to depend essentially on the willingness of the present generation of University women to devote themselves to training an adequate number of women to keep the opportunities that were bound to be offered.

## THE PENINSULAR RAILWAY TO PENANG.

## ARRIVED BACK IN BANGKOK AFTER HIS JOURNEY DOWN THE PENINSULA TO PENANG.

by rail, Mr. H. Gittins, controlling engineer of the Siam Southern railway, said that the trip had shown that the line runs very smoothly right through. That is good, bearing, says the Bangkok Times, for everybody has remarked on the smoothness of the running between Bangkok and Hua Hin, and this will add much to the comfort of those who have to do the through journey in the future. In the trip back a speed of 70 kilometres an hour was reached in some places, and one run of 80 kilometres worked out at 87 kilometres an hour. The date of completion of the line is, of course, as uncertain as ever, owing to the difficulty in getting delivery of the bridging material. Questioned on the visible effect of the railway, Mr. Gittins said the country is being opened up but slowly. The contrast on the two sides of the border was mutually noticeable. From Bukit Mertajam, where the line branches off, north to Alor Star, the land along the line is practically all taken up for planting purposes—rubber, but also for tobacco and coconuts. North of Alor Star up to within ten or fifteen kilometres of the frontier the land is now being taken up very rapidly. It is not the same yet on this side, of course, but there is every hope that with the same facilities there will be the same results.

## THE PARIS FAIR.

The Paris Fair, which is being held from the 1st to 15th of May, promised to be a great success. The managing Committee was obliged to make out fresh orders for stalls or shops, the number of first provided being insufficient. North of the fair is no further room to be added of the halls. A good, artistic catalogue has been prepared for visitors. The fair is being held on the Esplanade des Invalides.

From every part of France, as well as from Allied and Neutral countries, business men have announced their intention to visit the Fair, which is of great interest, since it affords all commercial people every convenience for transacting their business. An agreement with the Syndicate of Paris Hotel Proprietors, and others in the Seine Department, enables the Committee to assure comfortable accommodations for visitors, so as to make their stay in the capital both useful and pleasant.

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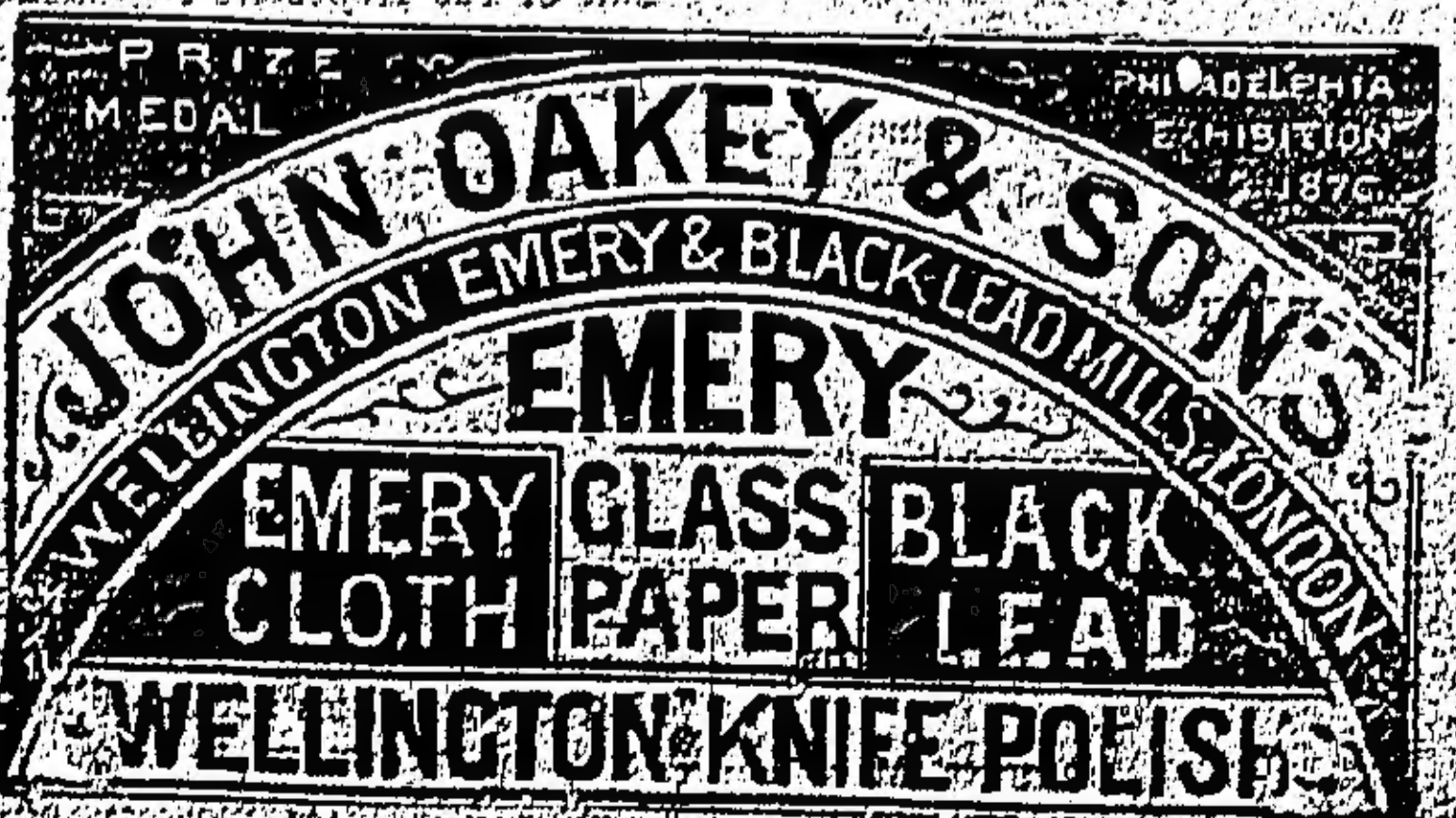
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The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

May 6th to 14th, 1917.

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